

PREVIEW

from *Poor Richard's Almanack*

Benjamin Franklin

Summary Franklin gives advice about how people should behave. He presents his thoughts in aphorisms, or short sayings with a message. Many of his aphorisms come from traditional folk sayings. Sayings such as “Well done is better than well said” tell something about Franklin and what he values.

Note-taking Guide

Aphorisms can sometimes mean more than one thing. Use this chart to examine some of Franklin’s sayings. Write down any second meanings.



Saying	Meaning
Keep thy shop, and thy shop will keep thee.	Work hard and your work will earn you money.